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FOR: IMAGE BINARIZATION APPARATUS, IMAGE BINARIZATION METHOD, IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS, IMAGE PICKUP METHOD, AND A COMPUTER PRODUCT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of March 17, 2004, and the Advisory Action of August 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 31 of this paper.